

JURISDICTION & VENUE

4. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1681p and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

5. Venue lies properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. Defendant has been reporting derogatory and inaccurate statements and information relating to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's automobile insurance and claims history to third parties ("inaccurate information") from at least March 2022 through present.

7. The inaccurate information includes, but is not limited to, the reporting of automobile insurance claims, automobile accidents and personal identifying information.

8. The inaccurate information negatively reflects upon the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's driving and insurance claims history, Plaintiff's financial responsibility as a consumer and Plaintiff's worthiness for automobile insurance coverage and competitive automobile insurance rates.

9. The inaccurate information belongs to another consumer – Shaquille Keith Branch – and not to Plaintiff. Plaintiff has a different first name, middle name and social security number. Further, Plaintiff has clean driving history with no accidents.

10. Due to Defendant's faulty procedures, Defendant mixed the credit file of Plaintiff and that of another consumer with respect to the inaccurate information and other personal identifying information.

11. Defendant has been reporting the inaccurate information through the issuance of false and inaccurate credit information and consumer reports that it has disseminated to various persons and credit grantors, both known and unknown, from at least March 2022 through the present.

12. Plaintiff's credit reports have been obtained from Defendant by such third parties from at least March 2022 through the present.

13. As a result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff has suffered actual damages in the form of automobile insurance rate increase or loss of automobile insurance opportunity, defamation and emotional distress, including anxiety, frustration, embarrassment and humiliation.

14. Plaintiff has been informed that the basis and/or substantial factor for those denials was the inaccurate information that appears on Plaintiff's consumer reports.

15. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendant was acting by and through its agents, servants and/or employees who were acting within the course and scope of its agency or employment, and under the direct supervision and control of the Defendant herein.

16. At all times pertinent hereto, the conduct of the Defendant as well as that of its agents, servants and/or employees, was intentional, willful, reckless, and in grossly negligent disregard for federal and state laws and the rights of the Plaintiff herein.

COUNT 1 – VIOLATIONS OF THE FCRA
(PLAINTIFF V. LEXISNEXIS)

17. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.

18. At all times pertinent hereto, LexisNexis was a “person” and a “consumer reporting agency” as those terms are defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(b) and (f).

19. At all times pertinent hereto, the Plaintiff was a “consumer” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).

20. At all times pertinent hereto, the above-mentioned consumer reports were “consumer reports” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(d).

21. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681n and 15 U.S.C. §1681o, Defendant is liable to the Plaintiff for willfully and negligently failing to comply with the requirements imposed on a consumer reporting agency of information pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681e(b).

22. The conduct of Defendant was a direct and proximate cause, as well as a substantial factor, in bringing about the serious injuries, actual damages and harm to the Plaintiff that are outlined more fully above and, as a result, Defendant is liable to the Plaintiff for the full amount of statutory, actual and punitive damages, along with the attorneys' fees and the costs of litigation, as well as such further relief, as may be permitted by law.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

22. Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all issues so triable.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks judgment in Plaintiff's favor and damages against the Defendant, based on the following requested relief:

- (a) Actual damages;
- (b) Statutory damages;
- (c) Punitive damages;
- (d) Costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and
- (e) Such other and further relief as may be necessary, just and proper.

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